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Confident He Can Show JFK Killing Was Plotted--DA

Believes No Foreign Nation Involved--Garrison

(The Associated Press)
 Dist. Atty. J. P. Garrison said Monday he is quite confident he can prove there was a conspiracy behind the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. But Garrison said arrests "are most certainly months away."
 The district attorney of Orleans Parish, appearing at a crowded news conference, reiterated that his investigation into the assassination has made progress. He began his probe last October.

"There is no question there will be arrests, charges and convictions," he said.
 But he said premature disclosure of the probe by New Orleans newspapers has seriously hampered the investigation.

NO INTERVIEWS

"After this, I am not going to give out interviews," he said. "We don't want publicity."
 Garrison said arrests of those he believes conspired to kill the late President "probably were just a few weeks away until the disclosures by the local newspapers. Now they are most certainly months away."

Asked if he thought any foreign country or any official was involved in the assassination, Garrison said, "No."
 The district attorney, waving a long green cigar, said he expects to obtain convictions for conspiring to kill Kennedy and for being accessories after the fact—that is, "having substantial knowledge and withholding information."

BARS N.O. REPORTERS

Emphasizing his displeasure with the two New Orleans newspapers, he barred their reporters from the news conference, held at a local motel.

Garrison's probe, first reported last Friday, has drawn worldwide attention. It has been received with both praise and skepticism.

In Washington, Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., called for the Warren Commission to reopen its investigation of the assassination to determine if Lee Harvey Oswald had Communist conspirators. The commission, in its report, named Oswald as the slayer and said it found no evidence of a plot.

WILL SHOW PLOT--DA

Garrison has said he has no intention of turning his information over to the Warren Commission or other federal agencies. He said he will show the conspiracy was plotted in New Orleans, where Oswald lived during the summer of 1963.

In Dallas, Asst. Dist. Atty. Bill Alexander said he places little faith in Garrison's claim a plot existed and was hatched in New Orleans. Kennedy was shot fatally in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

Two days later Oswald was shot and killed by Jack Ruby, Dallas nightspot operator.

One of Ruby's former attorneys, Sol A. Dann of Detroit, called Monday for an immediate inquiry by either a Federal or Louisiana grand jury into whether a plan was developed in New Orleans—as Garrison claims—which culminated in Kennedy's assassination.

Dann said he made the request in telegrams to Garrison and Louisiana Atty. Gen. Jack Gremillion.

"The Warren report is unsuccessful and not complete," Garrison told the news conference.

Asked to pinpoint any sections of the Warren report that were shaky, he said: "There is too much information about some areas, and not enough about others."

Garrison said he has set up "a small task force" of unusually competent police officers, assistant district attorneys and a private detective to handle the investigation. "We have made progress. Arrests will be made and convictions will be obtained."

'SOME CONTRIBUTIONS'

The remainder of the investigation, he said, will be financed from money borrowed from banks and "some contributions I think I will receive."

Garrison said this would prevent New Orleans newspapers from checking expense vouchers in the clerk's office and determining where his investigators are going. The States-Item last week published records which showed his office has spent over \$8,000 to date on its investigation.

T-P REPORTER BARRED

When reporter Joe Darby of The Times-Picayune attempted to enter the room at the start of the press conference, his way was barred. Garrison shouted, "Remove 'em by force. Throw them out if necessary."

The district attorney spent better than half of the hour-long news conference explaining his reasons for excluding the two local newspapers. He said questioning of his witnesses by the two newspapers caused a serious setback to his investigation.

"We can't chance a risk to our witnesses," he said. "I am not trying to punish them (the newspapers) . . . I can't take any further risks."

Garrison said a talk he had last fall with Sen. Russell Long, D-La., touched off the investigation. He said the Senate majority leader talked about "the incongruity of getting all those shots off in the sequence

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concluded (by the Warren Report) . . . that made me raise questions of my own."

Louisiana Gov. John McKeithen said he has known of the Garrison investigation since Christmas. McKeithen said if Garrison should ask for any cooperation from the state, it would be provided.

"This is our fifth year in office and we've never lost a murder case," Garrison said. "And I intend to keep it that way."

Garrison Bars T-P, States Reporters

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison held a press conference Monday afternoon in Patio Room 1 of the Fontainebleau Motor Hotel but reporters and photographers from The Times-Picayune and New Orleans States-Item were barred.

The press conference had been called by Garrison for what was thought would be announcements of further developments into his investigation of an alleged plot hatched in New Orleans in connection with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Wire service reporters, New

Orleans television newsmen and reporters representing news agencies all over the nation and from Europe attended.

Kept out were reporters Joe Darby and Bob Ussery of The Times-Picayune and Rosemary James and Bert Hyde of the States-Item and photographers Mike Bates and Robert Steiner.

As Garrison walked up the corridor toward the room, Darby asked him if he would be allowed to attend the press conference and Garrison said no. He was then asked if the reporter would be barred by force and the DA said "No, I'll just call off the press conference."

SHOVED OUTSIDE

However, when Darby entered the room, an unidentified aide of the DA told him to leave. When the reporter said he would not, the aide shoved him out the door into the corridor.

Garrison had earlier called out-of-town newsmen to his of-

fice and informed them of the conference. He asked them not to tell the local newspapers.

Mrs. James asked William Gurvich of the DA's staff if she would be barred from the conference.

"Yes, Mr. Garrison does not want any representative of local newspapers at this press conference," he answered.

In other developments a Parish Prison inmate named in the investigation said Monday he does not feel his life is in danger, although Garrison had said newspaper publicity placed him in danger. Miguel Torres, in jail on a burglary count, told Criminal Sheriff Louis Heyd he didn't feel it was necessary that he be placed in a private cell for his protection.

LIVED NEAR OSWALD

Torres has declined to talk to newsmen.

The man, a Cuban, lived near presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald on Magazine st. in 1963.

Garrison had said earlier that publicity had endangered the lives of witnesses in the case. Heyd said Monday he will ask the DA for specific details about threats to principals in the case.

Bernard Torres (no relation to Miguel Torres), a 33-year-old Cuban exile living in Miami, was reported planning to come to New Orleans in connection with the investigation. However, when contacted by a newspaper, he said he didn't know whether he would come.

Torres had helped guard Kennedy while the late President was in Miami shortly before his trip to Dallas.

Richard Gerstein, Florida state attorney for Dade County (Miami), said he had conferred with Garrison at length last month on the investigation.

'LENT INVESTIGATOR'

"I lent them an investigator to help the men they had sent here," he said. "I expedited their activities with several law enforcement agencies. Garrison is convinced he will be able to show the Warren report is in error."

Gerstein said he would not comment on his personal opinion of the investigation, but said he had a high regard for Garrison.

Mayor Victor H. Schiro, asked

if he felt the investigation would hurt the city's image, said "I have never interfered with any investigation in the DA's office.

"I am sure Mr. Garrison must know what he is doing and we are willing to help in any way we can. If an investigation is needed to bring out important historical facts, I think it should be done whether it is in New Orleans, Dallas or Kalamazoo.

TEXANS DOUBTFUL

In Dallas, assistant district attorney Bill Alexander said his offices place little faith in Garrison's allegations.

Alexander, along with DA Henry Wade, helped prosecute Jack Ruby in his 1964 murder trial for the slaying of Oswald. Ruby died Jan. 3 in the same Dallas hospital in which the late President was pronounced dead.

Gov. John J. McKeithen said in Baton Rouge he has kept in confidence since Christmas the knowledge that Garrison was probing an alleged presidential assassination plot.

McKeithen said Garrison, a personal and political friend, told him he would be able to prove there was a plot leading to the assassination of Kennedy.

'CONFIDENTIAL NATURE'

"What he told me was of a confidential nature, and I left it that way," the governor said.

He said Garrison had said nothing to him about any extra funds from the state to conduct the investigation. McKeithen, when asked if the state was cooperating with Garrison's office in the probe, said if any cooperation should be needed it would be provided and he referred further questions to State Police Supt. Thomas Burbank.

Burbank said: "We have received no request from Mr. Garrison or his office to my knowledge. If Mr. Garrison

would request assistance we would be most happy to cooperate with him as we have done in the past."

Questioned further whether he knew of the investigation, Burbank said, "I'll have to stick to my statement."

Garrison had praised the assistance of William Gurvich, executive vice-president of New Orleans Private Patrol, in the investigation.

New Orleans Private Patrol is a detective agency.

Gurvich, contacted Monday night, said the DA had asked him to make no comment on the matter and "I feel I should respect his wishes."

However, he did say his firm's role was one that covered every phase of the investigative procedure, from locating persons to photography. He said he began assisting the DA's office in the probe in December.

When asked if most of his work had been in New Orleans or outside the city, he had no comment.

Ruby Ex-Attorney Calls for Inquiry

DETROIT (AP) — Sol A. Dann of Detroit, former attorney for Jack Ruby, asked Monday for an immediate inquiry by a federal or Louisiana grand jury into whether a plan was developed in New Orleans which culminated in the assassi-

nation of President John F. Kennedy.

Such a plan was reported Saturday by New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who said, "There were other people besides Lee Harvey Oswald involved."

COMMISSION FINDING

A U.S. investigation commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren said its exhaustive probe showed there was no credible evidence that anyone else but Oswald was implicated in the 1963 assassination.

Ruby was the convicted killer of Oswald, shot down as television cameras were focused on his transfer from one Dallas, Tex., jail to another two days after Kennedy was slain.

Ruby died last month of cancer while appealing his murder conviction. Until then he insisted no conspiracy existed and he did not know Oswald. Relatives said that opinions of conspiracy held by some people preyed on Ruby's mind.

Dann wired Garrison Monday: "Respectfully request you immediately arrange to impanel federal or Louisiana special grand jury to inquire into any information or evidence that persons other than, or in addition to, Oswald were guilty of

misprision or conspiracy in connection with President Kennedy's assassination."

MESSAGE TO GREMILLION

Dann sent an identical telegram to Louisiana Atty. Gen. Jack P. Gremillion, except that it asked inquiry into "Jim Garrison's information or evidence."

Garrison said Saturday in New Orleans that others were involved besides Oswald and that "New Orleans was a factor in the planning beyond doubt."

Dann was brought into the Ruby case by Ruby and his relatives, including his brother, Earl Ruby of Detroit, months after Jack Ruby's on.

Oswald lived in New Orleans for six months shortly before the Dallas assassination Nov. 22, 1963.

Keep to Solving Case' Here-Butler

Edward S. Butler, executive director of the Information Council of the Americas, said in Hollywood, Calif., Monday that Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe of an alleged New Orleans plot to kill President John F. Kennedy must be "relentlessly pursued."

Butler said there is no doubt in his mind "that keys to solv-

ing the case exist in New Orleans, where (Lee Harvey) Oswald" was born, grew up and first made the attachment to Communism which shaped his life.

The INCA leader said he was contacted by the DA's office in December and "I assume I was one of the first questioned in this regard. I hope this search will uncover further facts soon."

Butler asserted that Oswald was undoubtedly incited to act by Communist propaganda.

He said he debated Oswald 93 days before the assassination about his political beliefs and was later called to Washington within 48 hours after the tragedy

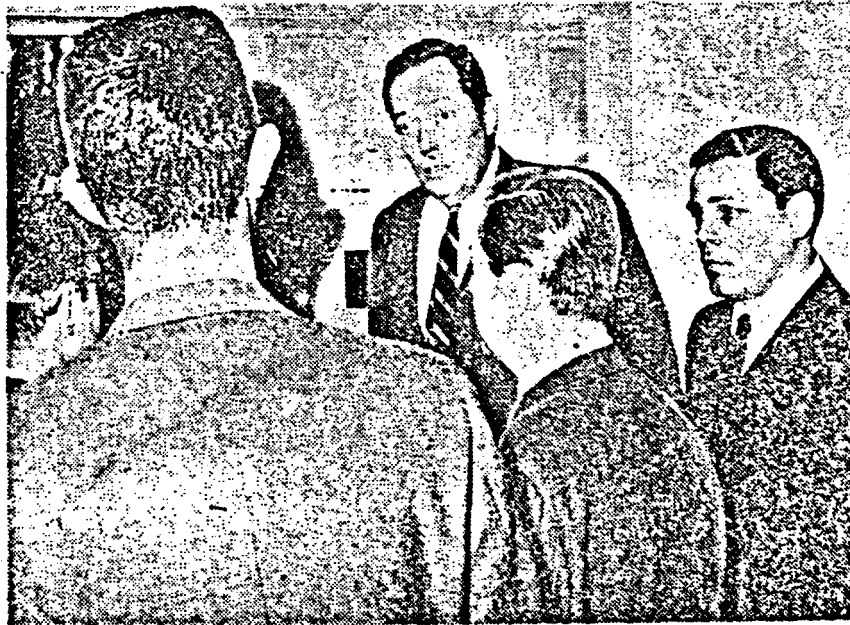
to testify before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

Butler said he has written Garrison to offer INCA's facilities, contacts and know-how in the area of Communist "psycho-political warfare."

"I have given instructions that the individual tape recordings (of Oswald's political beliefs) be made available to Dist. Atty. Garrison for his investigation.

Butler is in Hollywood in connection with an INCA-produced television documentary, "Oswald: Self-Portrait in Red," and will return to New Orleans within the next few days.

Garrison Bans T-P Reporter



JUST BEFORE ENTERING Patio Room I in the Fontainebleau Motor Hotel a surprised-looking District Attorney Jim Garrison eyes Times-Picayune reporter Joe Darby (back to camera, foreground) who has just told the DA he desires entrance to a Monday after-

noon press conference. Garrison said he would call a halt to the press conference if Darby entered, but moments later an investigator for Garrison shoved Darby from the room. Assistant DA Andrew J. Scizmbra is at right. Others are unidentified.

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